



Enhancing Intercultural Learning through Community of Practice

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Where is Makassar?



Makassar

Bina Antarbudaya

- ▶ A non-governmental and not-for-profit organisation
- ▶ Volunteer based organization
- ▶ Committed in building a better world through international exchange program



Community of Practice

- “Communities of practices are groups of people who share a concern or a passion for something they do and learn how to do it better as they interact regularly” (Etienne Wenger)
- Learning can be the reason or can be an incidental/intentional outcome

Characteristics of Community of Practice

- ▶ The Domain - interest of the community
- ▶ The Community - identity of the community
- ▶ The Practice



Bina Antarbudaya Chapter Makassar as Communities of Practice

- *The domain*: intercultural program, shared values, shared identities
- *The community*: returnee and volunteers, host family, schools, students parents
- *The practice*: sharing knowledge and experiences as an organizing committee, as a volunteer, as ex exchange students

The Structure of the Organisation

- ▶ Hosting Departement
- ▶ Sending Department
- ▶ Fund Raising Department

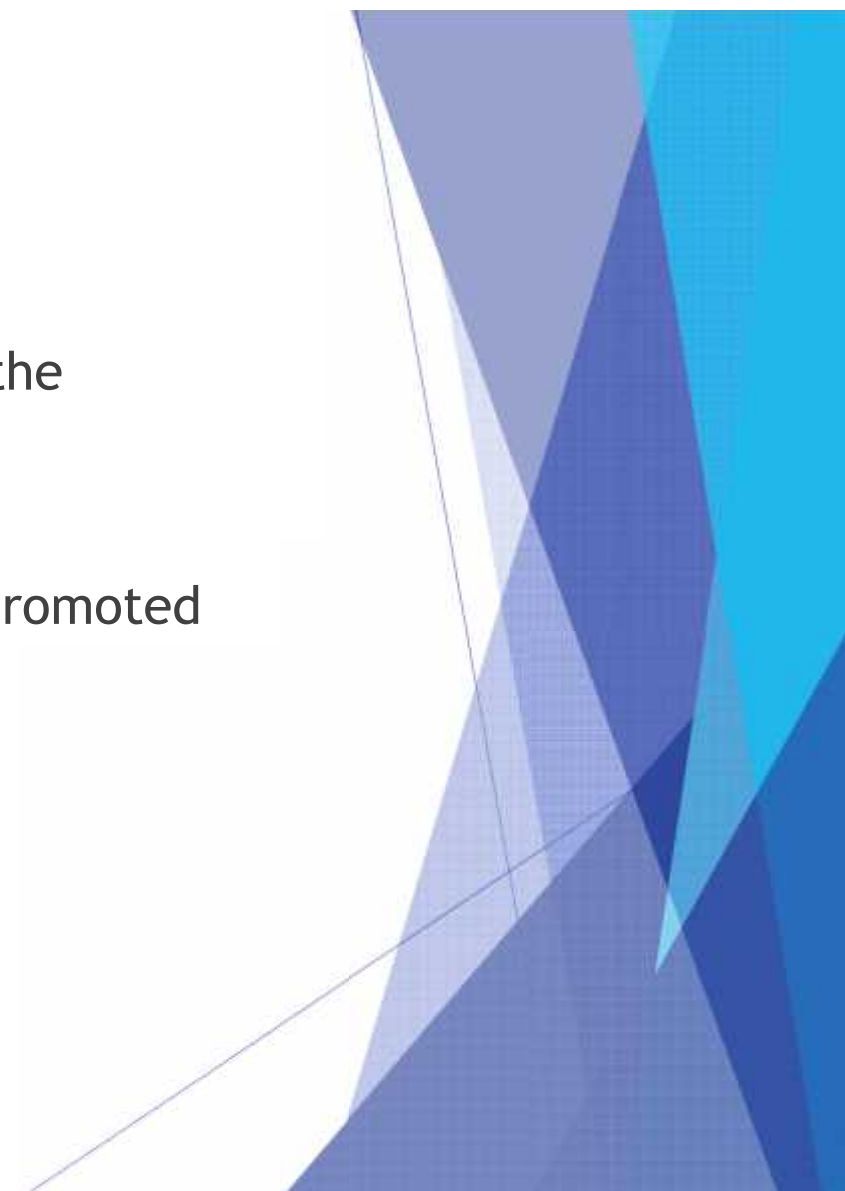


Routine Activities

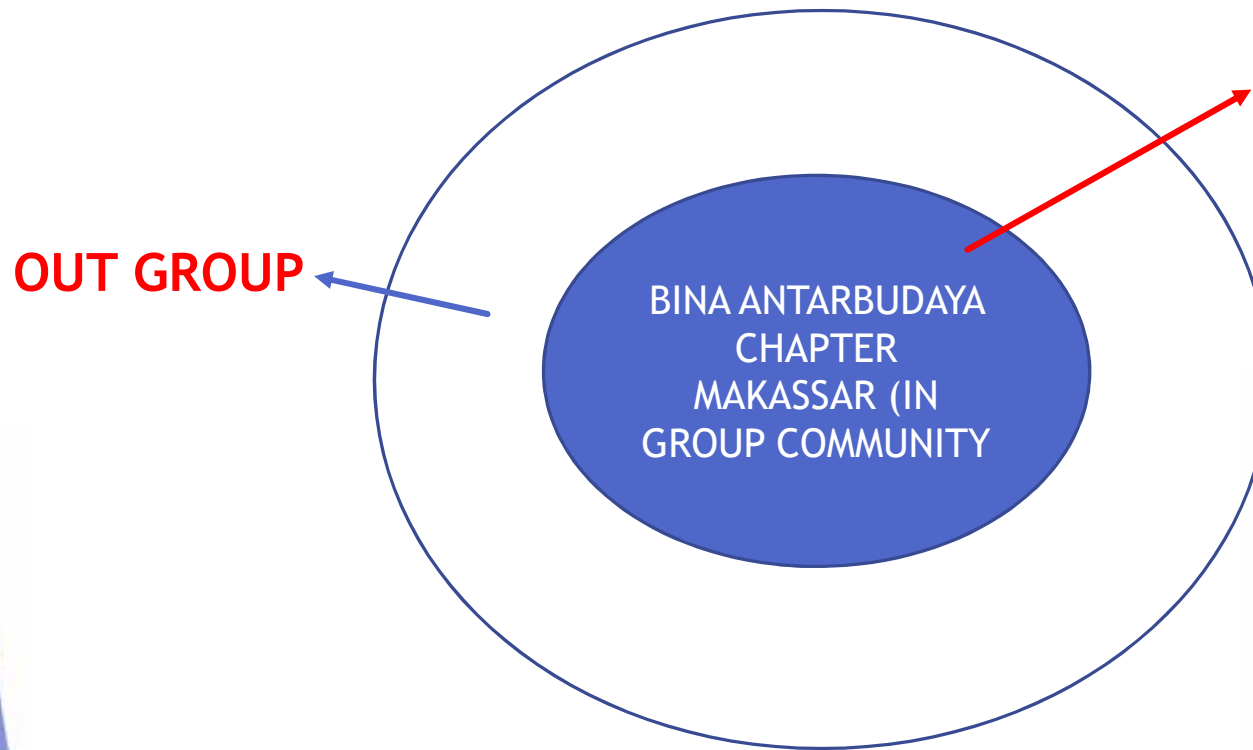


Reflection

- ▶ Does intercultural learning also occur inside the organisation?
- ▶ If yes, where and how does it occur?
- ▶ How is the value of intercultural learning is promoted outside the community in particular?



The Challenges



- Volunteers (returnee and non-returnee)
- Host parents
- Host schools
- Students

What we Learned

- ▶ We need to redefine the term 'intercultural learning', beyond organising international exchange program as a Community of Practice
- ▶ Intercultural learning is about understanding the differences, not only about being understood, not only between nations, but also between people

